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REMARKS

Applicant has added new dependent claim 23 and amended claims 12, 16-19, and 22 to better encompass the full scope and breadth of the invention.

I. Pro Se Applicant Request For Constructive Assistance

If for any reason the claims of this application are not believed to be in full condition for allowance, pro se applicant respectfully requests the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner in drafting one or more acceptable claims pursuant to MPEP §707.07(j) in order that this application can be placed in allowable condition as soon as possible and without need for further proceedings.

II. Rejection of Claims 12-22 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 12-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being unpatentable by Broadhurst (U.S. Patent 6,560,634). Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this rejection for at least the following reasons.

Independent Claim 12

Examiner has interpreted an aftermarket request as a subsequent WHOIS query in order to apply Broadhurst. Applicant teaches an aftermarket request as an independent and separate network request than that of a domain name availability or WHOIS request. When a resource identifier is determined unavailable, we learn in the case of domain names, that there is an associated WHOIS record, *but it remains unknown whether an aftermarket record even exists*.

In fact, Applicant teaches performing a separate aftermarket request in response to or concurrently with performing a WHOIS request. Broadhurst does not suggest nor teach anything related to an aftermarket request and only teaches domain name availability and WHOIS requests.

Applicant has amended Claim 12 to include substantial portion of old claim 16. Please note that WHOIS request is not recited in light of Examiner rejection of Claim 16.

Independent Claim 19

A back-order request is a specific type of aftermarket request. Claim 19 has been amended to provide more structure or support for the term back-order request. Again Broadhurst is silent with respect to back-ordering. This is not so much about performing a back-order request, but rather performing such a back-order request in response to the initiation of other request types that process input identifiers.

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III. Applicant Prior Patents that may be Relevant

Applicant has taught in previously issued patents to Schneider (U.S. Pat. No. 6,338,082 and U.S. Pat. No. 6,678,717) response technology regarding performing domain name availability requests. For instance, review of Claim 1 in U.S. Pat. No. 6,973,505 to Schneider teaches how a domain name availability request can be performed while or in response to requesting content from a network resource. Present invention of Applicant *teaches similar response technology but instead for performing aftermarket requests while or in response to processing other user initiated requests.*

Furthermore Applicant had first introduced pre-registering or back-ordering identifiers and identifier expiration monitoring in Claim 1 in U.S. Pat. No. 6,449,549 to Schneider filed November 15, 1999. Also see U.S. Pat. No. 6,895,430 to Schneider filed June 21, 2000 (col. 21 lns. 49-56) *which discloses integrating aftermarket status information as part of WHOIS search results* and (col. 19 lns. 47-53 and lns. 62-67) *which discloses integrating aftermarket status information as part of search engine results* as well.

IV. Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

Applicant has carefully reviewed the references cited but not applied. Applicant respectfully submits that none of those references, alone or in any combination, remedy the deficiencies of the applied art, nor teach or suggest the claimed invention alone or in any combination.

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V. Conclusion

For all of the above reasons, the present application and pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to issue a formal Notice of Allowance directed to claims 12-23, inclusive.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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